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ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN IN POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is assisting Afghanistan in various power transmission and distribution projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated cost of each of such projects; and

(d) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) : Government of India (Ministry of External Affairs) is funding the construction of a 220 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line (202 Kms.) from Pul-e-Khumri to Kabul and a 220/110/20 kV Sub-station at Kabul in Afghanistan at an estimated cost of Rs.478 crore. This project will supply power to Kabul from Ujbekistan. The project is being executed by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL). The project is scheduled to be completed by February, 2009.

India is also reconstructing the Salma Dam Power Project (42 MW) in Herat province in Afghanistan at an estimated cost of Rs.498 crore. This project also involves erection of 110 kV power transmission line from Salma Dam to Herat city (143 Kms) thereby providing electricity in the Western provinces of Afghanistan. The project is likely to be completed by January, 2009.

India also supplied equipment for 110 kV transmission line (130 Kms) and 20 kV transmission line (150 Kms) along with 20/0.4 kV substation as also 110 kV and 20 kV transmission line material in Faryab province, in Northern Afghanistan at an estimated expenditure of Rs.39.2 crore.